

Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2015

The Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council met at the Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room 2, in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 19, 2015. The Advisory Council met 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

- 1. Members present.** The following members of the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council were present: Larry Landis, Executive Director of the Indiana Public Defender Council; David Powell, Executive Director of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council; Kevin Moore, Director of the Division of Mental Health and Addiction; Julie Lanham, designee of the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction; David Murtaugh, Executive Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; Bill Watson, designee of the President of the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties; Linda Brady, President of the Probation Officer's Professional Association of Indiana; Bill Wilson, designee of the President of the Indiana Sheriffs Association; and Jane Seigel, Executive Director of the Indiana Judicial Center and Council Chair.
- 2. Guests present.** The following guests also attended the meeting: Deb Braun and Aaron Garner from the Indiana Department of Correction; Dave Heath from the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties; Christine Kerl from the Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana; Hilary Alderete and Ron Sobecki from the Indiana State Budget Agency; Sara Cozad and Stephanie Spoolstra from the Division of Mental Health and Addiction; Chris Naylor from the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council; Devon McDonald from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; Steve McCaffrey from Mental Health America Indiana; Matthew Brooks from the Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers; Krista Rivera from the Indiana Senate and Maureen Hayden from CNHI Indiana Newspapers.
- 3. Staff assistance.** Jennifer Bauer and Mary Kay Hudson provided staff assistance to the Advisory Council.
- 4. Approval of minutes.** The minutes from the July 15, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved with corrections.
- 5. DOC Update.** Aaron Garner reported that the July population report was sent to all Advisory Council members via email. He highlighted that the report contains data on percentage to capacity and trend reports, July admission were up 13%, that 33% of the July admissions were for 1006 crimes, Felony 6 convictions were up 34% and 7% of all DOC inmates were convicted of a 1006 crime. Deb Braun

reported that DOC recently conducted six regional technical assistance training sessions on the grant application process. She stated that the trainings were well-attended and that most questions related to reporting requirements. Julie Lanham reported that the funding for the first round of grants should go out by November 1st and that the second round of grant applications will be due by December 31st. David Powell reported that he was contacted by the prosecutors in Marshall and Koskiusko Counties because they are confused by the grant application process. The Advisory Council discussed the need for a triage team to meet with Marshall, Koskiusko and the other counties that do not have community corrections programs.

- 6. DMHA Update.** Kevin Moore reported that DMHA's vendor has an issue with the technology for the vouchers that will move the availability of the system back to November 1st. Mr. Moore distributed a project development timeline and reported that DMHA just sent out a memo to eligible treatment providers to formally announce the forensic treatment program. DMHA will conduct training for providers in October on the provider manual and the voucher process. Sara Cozad reported that DMHA hired three new staff members to support the forensic treatment program, that DMHA will complete the provider manual by September 11th, and will conduct a webinar for criminal justice partners on September 5th. Ms. Cozad also reported that DMHA is developing rates for services and plans to review and approve provider applications as they are received. Mr. Moore added that DMHA will identify gaps in treatment coverage as the applications come in and will contact community mental health centers about filling the gaps. Mr. Moore also stated that because transportation is an issue in rural areas, providing services by telehealth may be an option to fill service gaps. In addition, Mr. Moore stated that DMHA will put together a chart that shows what services are covered by HIP or Medicaid. Stephanie Spoolstra stated that persons in work-release would be eligible for voucher services if the services are provided outside the walls of the jail or facility.
- 7. Recidivism Committee Report.** Mary Kay Hudson reported that the Recidivism Committee met last week and had a lengthy discussion on how to report recidivism. She state that this is complicated and will take some time for the committee to work it out. Ms. Hudson also reported that the committee will not be able to report on state-level success of programs and may need to seek clarification from the General Assembly on this issue.
- 8. Preliminary Annual Report.** Jane Seigel reported that the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council is required by statute to make an annual report to the General Assembly by October 1st. She stated that she plans to submit minutes from the meetings and details on the DOC applications and timelines for distribution of grant funds. Ms. Seigel stated that she would like to have the first report ready by September 25th. Larry Landis suggested a follow-up report at the beginning of

the year to report how the grant funds were distributed. Ms. Seigel suggested that the Legislative Committee review the statute for potential amendments.

- 9. Council Procedural Matters.** Jane Seigel reported that the Advisory Council needs to come up with a voting process. She distributed a handout with proposed voting procedures and explained that it is borrowed from the process used by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institutes Board of Directors. Devon McDonald explained that the ICJI voting process requires a voting member to abstain from voting on his agency's grant application and to step out of the room for discussion by the subcommittee. The Advisory Council members discussed the proposed procedures and requested that a #5 be added to require the member to leave the room during review of his agency's application and not participate in discussion.
- 10. Future Agenda Items.** Jane Seigel announced that agenda items for future meetings will include reports from subcommittees, reports from DOC and DMHA, review of grant applications, and education on evidence-based practices.
- 11. Next meeting dates.** Jane Seigel announced that the Advisory Council is scheduled to meet on the following dates: September 25 at 10 a.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center and October 13th at 9 a.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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